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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Staff Conference - [ ] 24 June 1965

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25X1 1. General Ledford convened a special staff conference at [ ] on 24 June 1965. The purpose of the conference was to discuss problems affecting preparations for BLACK SHIELD, Headquarters [ ] staff relationships, and other items of immediate concern in the OXCART Project. In addition to General Ledford, the following officers participated in the conference:

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2. The conference convened at 1100 hours with General Ledford stating his desires concerning Headquarters [ ] staff relationships and internal Headquarters coordination. He directed:

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a. [ ] would be the [ ] point of contact for all items concerning aircraft systems validation and materiel action items for the preparatory phase of BLACK SHIELD. [ ] Headquarters MD/FA. should keep in daily telephone contact with [ ] and be abreast of all materiel developments concerning the project.

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b. One of the following four officers would spend at least a few days each week at the [ ] affecting close coordination with [ ] and the [ ] Operations Staff:

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[ ] was quite pleased with these directives and indicated his desire for a closer Headquarters [ ] staff relationship.

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3. The following subjects are categorized to provide easy reference and were not necessarily discussed in the order presented.

a. F-101 Aircraft.

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(1) Gen. Ledford called [REDACTED] AFIGO-S and discussed a replacement aircraft for #312, the two-seat trainer which is being returned to the Air Force. In lieu of the replacement proposed by the Air Force, Gen. Ledford expressed a desire for a T-39. The presently proposed F-101 replacement is not acceptable because of engine model (-53 type) and availability of spare parts from only two Air National Guard Units. Md/FA is to rescind the message dispatched approximately 21 June concerning the F-101 replacement.

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(2) A decision concerning method of ferrying two F-101's to Okinawa in support of BLACK SHIELD can be expected in the near future. Gen. Ledford agreed the aircraft are required at Okinawa but he is not enthused about key [REDACTED] officers performing the ferry mission. [REDACTED] are specifically prohibited from flying the aircraft on the ferry mission.

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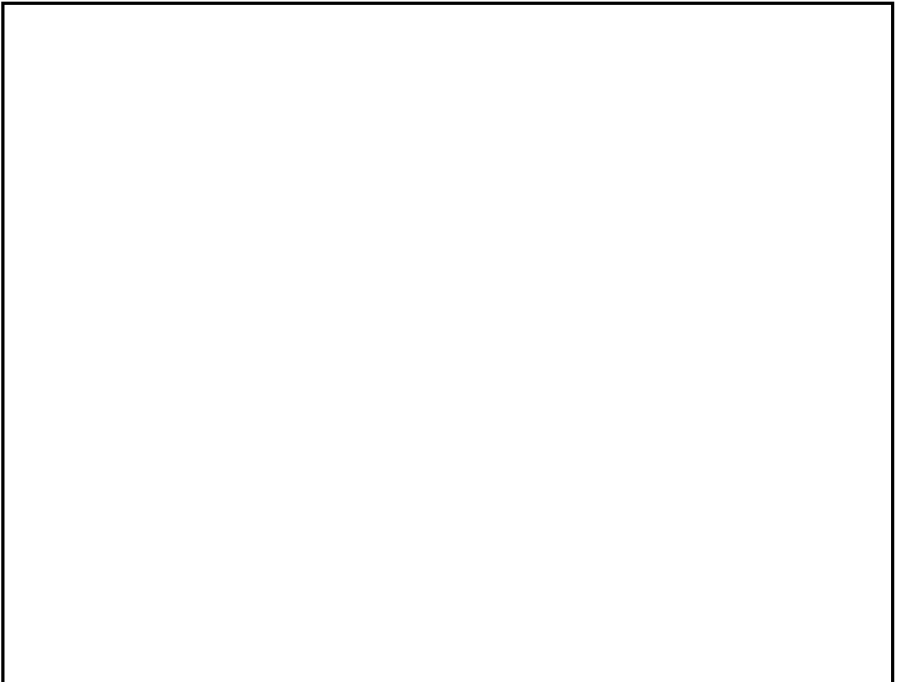
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b. [REDACTED]

(1) Gen. Ledford directed expeditious action by Headquarters, C&FE Div. to determine exact extent of interference, if any, with other government agencies (AEC, FAA, NASA, ADC) and civilian enterprised (TV, Radio, Communications). Additionally, statements from representatives of above functions should be documented and filed.

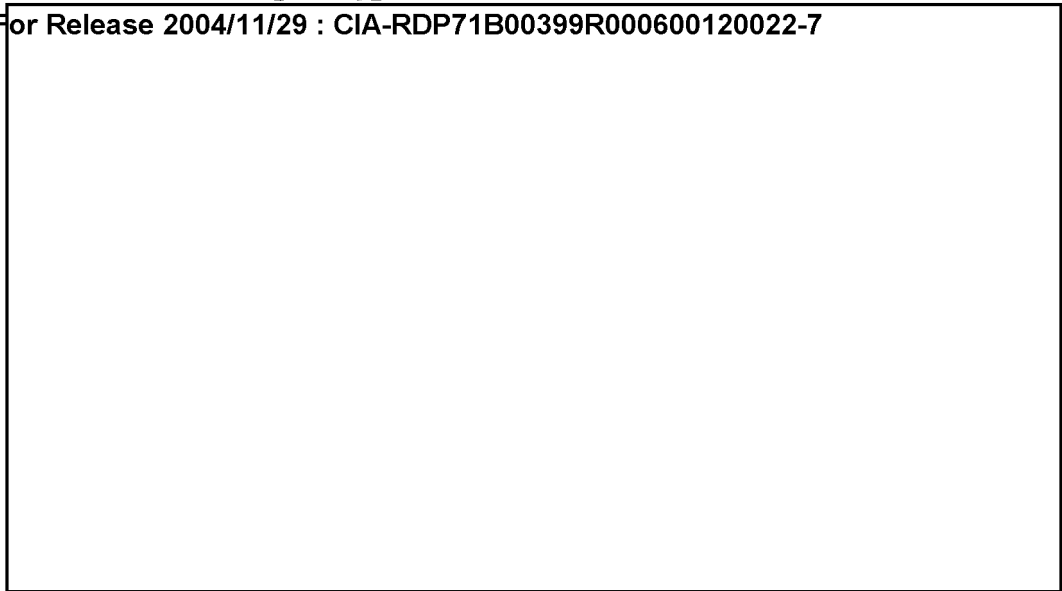
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## c. SCOTCH MIST:

- (1) [redacted] will be considered as primary [redacted] station for the operation. Appropriate frequencies will be chosen to enhance this capability. 25X
- (2) [redacted] stations will be established at McCoy AFB, Fla. and in the Washington, D.C. areas as back-up for the [redacted] station. 25X
- (3) The small advance party from [redacted] will be in place at McCoy AFB approximately seven days prior to deployment of aircraft #132. 25X

## d. Aircraft Modifications:

- (1) [redacted] reaffirmed he wants the low frequency capability to remain in the aircraft. Lt/Col. Songer expressed complete agreement with this position. 25X
- (2) There is a requirement for development of a new view finder. The present equipment is not adequate to allow the pilot to properly position the aircraft over a known fix.
- (3) A rear view mirror system is a recognized requirement. [redacted] expressed a desire for a simple mirror system which would provide the pilot a good view of the vertical stabilizers, the top of 25X

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the engines and wings and a reasonable distance behind the engines to observe exhaust plume.

- 4) Items 2 and 3 above will be the subject of separate memorandum to D/TECH.

e. Reporting

- 1) General Ledford reiterated his desire to "have all available data on aircraft systems reported to Hqs." It was recognized that there are two categories of missions flown during the testing and validation phases. The "combat mission profile" is any scheduled two or three A/R mission with all or most of the special packages used for an actual mission. The other category will include functional check flights (FCF), performance check flights (PCF), special test and/or training missions and all other flights except those in the "combat mission profile" category.
- 2) The "Commander's Report", transmitted by Data Link each Monday prior to 2200Z will be classified "SECRET". True names of pilots will be used, and limited distribution will be made to D/TECH, MD/FA, C&FE/FA and OX/FA.
- 3) The section of the report labeled "Final Summary of Pacemaker III" includes information on all non-Black Shield aircraft. This section will be completed when aircraft #125 goes to modification and aircraft #132 returns from "Scotch Mist".
- 4) [ ] will arrange for R&D personnel at [ ] to prepare and forward validation data on aircraft flown by LAC. The [ ] Operations Staff is not responsible for the accuracy of this section of the report, and will assume responsibility only for the actual transmission.
- 5) A new materiel section of the report is being finalized and will be included at the earliest possible date.

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- 6) The General requested Hqs. math experts become acquainted with the information on the "Commander's Report", and perform a study of probabilities regarding mission capability. [redacted] will coordinate this item with the Chief, Automation Division, FA.

f. Flight Line Flying

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- 1) For planning purposes the INS specification error will be used by the Hqs. staff. Specific areas where course corrections could be made without loss of photography will be identified on the flight plan.
- 2) A tracker camera will be installed on specified profile missions to determine actual INS error. Hqs. will send a competent PI to the [redacted] to assist the Operations Staff at [redacted] request. Actual TDY period will commence when the need is determined by [redacted]
- 3) General Ledford directed the [redacted] staff to study the problem of Flight Line Flying with a view toward maintaining a planned course as close as possible considering present capabilities of the aircraft and the INS. The Tactical Doctrine should include instructions on Flight Line Flying.

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g. Miscellaneous Items:

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4. This staff conference is considered highly successful in identifying problem areas, free discussion of items

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of mutual interest, and obtaining command guidance for future planning in Black Shield and the entire Oxcart program. Bi-monthly sessions of this type will be most beneficial for the Hqs. staff as well

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